

## What Goes On . . .

Mon., March 27, 8 p.m. City Council and Public Hearing—Basic Cable Rates, Municipal Bldg.

Tues., March 28, 8 p.m. Council Budget Work Session, Municipal Bldg.

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## ... And More

Wed., March 29 & Thurs., March 30, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Surplus Food Distribution, Municipal Bldg.

Thurs., March 30, 8 p.m. Council Worksession with G.A.T.E. and on Trails in Parcels 1 & 2, Municipal Bldg.



Library Protest in Upper Marlboro: County Executive Wayne Curry (center) listens to Greenbelter Eli Crupain (right), who wants the library to stay open.

—photo by Sharon Natoli

## Library Supporters Present Petitions to County Exec

by Eileen Peterson

A rally in support of the Prince Georges County Library System drew Greenbelters to Upper Marlboro by carloads and in a City van Monday.

Organized by Friends of the Greenbelt Library, the outdoor gathering in front of the County Administration Building drew about 150 supporters from every branch of the countywide system. At 10 a.m., County Executive Wayne Curry came down into the crowd and chatted with the people about his view of the county's fiscal problems.

Over 37,500 Signatures

Petitions asking for full funding by the county of the library system were presented by a representative patron from each of the 19 county branches. In many cases, the presenter was a member of a Friends

The petition drive was initiated by the Greenbelt Friends (FOGL), which

sent a copy of its petition to supporters at each of the branches and suggested they use it as a model for their own petitions. They FOGL organized Monday's rally so that countywide support could be highlighted by handing of the petitions to Curry.

After the petition presentation, a group of eight supporters chosen beforehand, including business representatives, met with Curry in his office and offered more detailed arguments.

In the General Election last year, 79.9% of the voters approved a \$5 million bond amendment to build a new library in the southern part of the county and to renovate others. The Upper Marlboro library recently

moved into a new building which was renovated at a cost of over \$1.7 million. It is one of the six libraries Curry has suggested closing—Greenbelt is also one of the six.

The County Executive is recommending a \$2.5 million cut in the \$15.9 million library budget and has suggested closing six branches. The library's budget request is the same amount asked for in the last two fiscal years.

Audrey Scott, the County Councilmember for Greenbelt, came down to assure the FOGL rally leaders of her backing.

Anyone wishing to help in the continuing campaign for the library budget should call or write County Executive Curry, and may continue to sign petitions at the library. For additional information on how to help, call Barbara Simon at 474-2192 or Eileen Peterson at 345-2454.

## Missing Roosevelt Student Found Dead in Glenn Dale

The body of an Eleanor Roosevelt High School student was found early Tuesday morning, March 21, after she had been reported missing from Greenway Shopping Center the previous evening. County police believe she was abducted and murdered, said county police spokesperson Cpl. Diane Richardson.

Julie Lynn Ferguson, 17, was reported missing by friends who had gone to Greenway to pick her up from work on Monday evening at about 10 p.m., according to the Greenbelt police. They found two bags of clothing, purchased by Ferguson prior to going to work, as well as a container of soda, on the sidewalk in the front of Greenway Liquor Store, where Ferguson had been waiting.

Richardson said Ferguson's body was found the next day about 5:30 a.m. by a motorist. It was lying alongside the road in a semi-rural area in the 12100 block of Daisy Lane near Md. Rte. 193 in Glenn Dale, she said. The site is about three miles east of Greenway.

Richardson said Ferguson appeared to have suffered trauma to the upper torso, but that no information was available yet regarding the cause of death. Police have not yet been able to determine whether or not she was sexually assaulted, Richardson said.

Ferguson had gotten off her job at Linens 'N Things, which is near the liquor store, at about 9:25 p.m., according to Greenbelt police. She was last seen there at about 9:50 p.m. After Greenbelt police were notified she was missing, they conducted an extensive search of the area, assisted by a Park Police Helicopter.

Ferguson was an 11th grade student at Roosevelt, according to Greenbelt Police spokesman George Mathews. She lived in the 8100 block of Mandan Terrace in Greenbelt East. She was described as white, 5'8" tall, 125 lbs. (thin build), having a medium complexion, long straight brown hair pulled back in a ponytail with a green scrunchie, and blue eyes. She was wearing a green hip length plaid jacket, tan short sleeve top with navy blue pinstripes, tan wraparound skirt above the knee in length, and black flat shoes.

County police said that there are no suspects at this time, and no



Roosevelt High Junior Julie Lynn Ferguson, 17, apparent homicide victim.

—photo courtesy Greenbelt Police motive has been established. Investigation is continuing. Anyone with information is asked to call the Prince Georges County Police at 772-4925, or Crime Solvers at 735-1111. Crime Solvers will pay up to \$1000 for information that leads to the arrest and indictment of the suspect.

A Candlelight Vigil was planned for Wednesday night, March 22, by the Students Against Violence at the ERHS stadium.

## Surplus Food to Be Distributed in City

Surplus food will be distributed at the Greenbelt municipal building to low-income residents on Wednesday, March 29 and Thursday, March 30 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the council room.

Participants will be given peanut butter, rice, pears, macaroni, green beans, canned pork and butter.

To qualify, people must also be eligible for food stamps, public assistance, medical assistance, the Maryland Energy Assistance Program or have income under the poverty level.

The city needs volunteers to help distribute food. Please call 345-7203 to help.

## Council and Police Discuss Plan for 'Operation Midnight'

by Diane Oberg

The Greenbelt Police Department is expanding its community based policing activities with a variety of programs designed to reduce the opportunities for crime and to give police alternate means of dealing with crimes and other situations they encounter.

These programs, most modeled after Charleston, South Carolina's "Take Back the Streets" program, were approved by the Greenbelt City Council at its February 13 regular meeting.

### Operation Midnight

The most potentially controversial new program is "Operation Midnight." Council met in a worksession on March 6 to discuss the program further with Police Chief James Craze and City Solicitor Robert

Manzi. On first hearing of the program, council was concerned that the program might either border on harassment or be found unconstitutional. However, after researching the issues, City Solicitor Robert Manzi told council the

program should pass legal muster.

As described by police, Operation Midnight is designed to focus both on juvenile crime and juvenile victimization. The program is based upon the belief that juveniles who are on the streets after midnight "are likely to become either involved in criminal activity or the victims of it."

Under the program, parents can sign contracts with the police that give any officer who sees their child on the streets between midnight and 6 a.m. permission to take the child home. Contracts will be accepted from parents outside of Greenbelt, as well as from residents, although police will only return children to nearby areas in Maryland.

Both Craze and Manzi told council that the only power this program gives officers that they do not already have is the authorization to take the child home. Manzi assured council that nothing in this program excuses harassment. He noted that while officers already have the right to ask anyone congregating late at night for identification, the person being stopped has the right not to respond and may leave without interference from police.

Lt. John Lann noted that students are well aware of their rights. He said that a political party provides leaflets to students advising them

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### Office Hours

Tuesday - 8-10 p.m.

Monday - 2-4 p.m.

- 8-10 p.m.

15 Parkway





Young Kim, senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, describes his aspirations to become a computer engineer. Intently listening are (L to R) interpreter Karl Kosiorek, Richard Sheppard, and Rick Douglas, executive director of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. Douglas' keynote speech promised a bright future of employment in high technology for all participants in High School High Tech.

## Students Get Inspired By High Tech Program

Thirty students, together with parents, potential employers and supporters recently gathered at Goddard Space Flight Center to kick off the third year of High School High Tech.

This high technology enrichment program serves high school students with disabilities in Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties. It is one of five sites in the country under the auspices of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.

High School High Tech was developed to expose youths with disabilities to science, mathematics, engineering and technology-related careers. By providing early exposure, the program encourages students to choose education goals in high technology fields.

Students new to the program were alternately congratulated and challenged to reach new heights. Their selection into the program signified that school personnel had great faith in their abilities. Alternately, they were challenged to make use of the experiences available through their program.

The array of local officials who turned out was in itself a positive message. All speakers painted a bright future for the students if they continued in the program.

Edward Turner, program manager for the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, indicated the continuing involvement of his agency in this program. He described for the new participants the wonder-

are prominently featured in a video intended to introduce the program throughout the nation.

Young Kim, through an interpreter described his positive experiences last summer while working at the U.S. Department of Transportation. He encouraged the newly selected participants not to be afraid and to take advantage of their opportunities.

Dillard Menchan, chief of the Equal Opportunities Program at Goddard, who has championed the program, engaged the students in a dialogue to stimulate thinking about their immediate objectives in the program. He encouraged them to begin setting goals. Students in attendance described a range of occupational choices — some in high technology and others not. They were informed that the program will benefit them all.

High School High Tech primarily serves students with disabilities from seven high schools in Prince Georges County and has expanded recently to two high schools in Montgomery County. While the program offers paid summer employment in a high tech setting as a main attraction, many other opportunities are available. These include visits to high tech firms, opportunities to visit local universities, chances to meet successful employees with disabilities, and help in accessing higher education opportunities.

The local community-based partnership has the cooperation of many agencies, businesses and educational institutions. Funding comes from NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center, Prince Georges Private Industry Council, Inc.; the U.S. Department of Transportation, and Bechtel Foundation. It is managed by United Cerebral Palsy of Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties, Inc.



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BASIC CABLE RATES Monday, March 27, 1995 8:00 p.m. Council Room 25 Crescent Road

The City of Greenbelt will hold a Public Hearing to hear citizens'/subscribers' concerns about Maryland Cable's rates for Basic Cable. Basic cable is the "B" side of the cable, Channels 2-31. This is the tier that the City of Greenbelt has the authority to regulate under the Cable Act of 1992. MultiVision's has submitted FCC Forms 1200, 1205, and 1215 justifying their rates for Basic Cable, equipment, and A La Carte Channel Offerings. The City is currently in the process of reviewing these forms. City Council is expected to toll the 30-day deadline for the review to allow an additional 90-days. This additional time is necessary to determine whether or not the rates for Basic Service and equipment comply with applicable laws and regulations. The submitted forms are available for public review at the City Offices. For more information please contact Beverly Palau 474-8000.

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## Letters

### Is It Necessary?

In a time of 200 Billion dollar annual budget deficits and nearly a four Trillion dollar national debt, where does Rep. Steny Hoyer intend to get the funds for this FDA project? SPEND-AHOLISM has spread like wildfire . . . there is only one cure, it's called an Election.

Greg Fisanich

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The News Review welcomes letters to the editor. They should be submitted by 9 p.m. Tuesday, be signed in handwriting (with the name also printed or typed) and bear the writer's address and phone number. If possible, letters should be typed double-spaced on one side of the paper. All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, taste, and clarity.

## Signs Needed

Re: "It's the Law in Greenbelt" printed in the March 16 issue of the News Review.

As interpreted, pedestrians are required to cross at marked crosswalks and, reading lines 6, 7, and 8 motorists must yield to said pedestrians. Those walkers who try to cross Hanover Parkway or Greenbelt Road to go shopping or to a doctor, or users of the soon-to-be opened Community Center, have the law on their side. But help in the form of simple signs under the yellow pedestrian signs at crosswalks are necessary to assist in educating motorists.

Isn't it time our city council took these simple steps to give pedestrians from Springhill Lake to Greenbelt East their rights?

Janet Parker

## SOMEBODY GOO-JED

Nina Strauss, Girl of the year for the Boys and Girls Club, was selected Little Miss Greenbelt in 1994, but not in 1993 as was mistakenly printed in last week's issue.

## I. REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL, AND PUBLIC HEARING ON BASIC CABLE RATES GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING, MARCH 27, 1995 - 8:00 P.M.



### I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (The consent agenda consists of those items which have asterisks (\*) placed beside them, subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval)
5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

### II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations - FY 1995 / 96 Budget
7. Public Hearing on Basic Cable Rates
8. Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council)
- \* 9. Minutes of Meeting
10. Administrative Reports
- \* 11. Committee Reports

### III. LEGISLATION

### IV. OTHER BUSINESS

12. Approval of Program Open Space FY/1996 Submittal
13. Greenbelt Participation in the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program
14. Grant Proposal to Outfit Police Narcotics Surveillance Van
15. Approval of Negotiated Purchase - Voice and Data Cabling for Community Center
16. Approval of Negotiated Purchase - Computer Equipment for Police Department
- \* 17. Reconstruction of Ridge Road - Lastner Lane to Southway

### V. MEETINGS

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NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council Meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 474-8000 or 474-1811 (TTY) to request such accommodation before 10:00 am on the day of the meeting.

Dorothy Lauber, City Clerk

### SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DEADLINE INFORMATION

MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS: \$30 per year. Advertising and news articles may be mailed (Box 68, Greenbelt); deposited in our box at the Greenbelt Co-op grocery store before 7 p.m. Tuesday or delivered to the editorial office in the basement of 15 Parkway (474-4131). The office is open Monday from 2-4 and 3-10 pm for display advertising; deadline is 10 pm. News articles and classified ads are accepted Monday from 2-4 and 8-10 pm and Tuesday from 8-10 pm.

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## GBGC Baseball

The start of the 1995 Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club's Baseball season is about a week away with Spring practices beginning April 1. The roster for the Club's 13-year old team (players born in 1982) is only two-thirds full (not enough to field a team) and no adult has yet come forward to head coach this team. The date to submit a team roster to the County Boys & Girls Club is just two weeks away.

The 13-year old team is an excellent opportunity for young baseball players to experience County level play on a 75-foot transition field. Adjusting to County play from little league play is tough enough, but is made more difficult when players go directly to a 90-foot diamond (the field size for teams 14 & older). If interested in joining this team, players should have their parents call either: Pat Benson at: 441-4845, or Mel Scites at 441-8689, immediately. People will not be placed on the team roster until they are fully registered.

Anyone who is interested in coaching, please call Jeff Keir at: (H) 552-9234 today. All coaches are required to take a ASEP coaches' course offered by the County Boys & Girls Club. For further information on Club activities call (202) 310-1066.

## ERHS Benefit Dance

Eleanor Roosevelt's Grad Night Committee parents are sponsoring a Country Western Line Dance on Friday, March 31 in the high school cafeteria from 7-10 p.m. Lessons will be provided by the Southern Maryland Dance Team. Proceeds will benefit a drug- and alcohol-free graduation party for Roosevelt's seniors. Call Alice Mahan at (301) 336-4501 for information and fees.

### HLEPI!

The News Review needs help with it's Wednesday nit proof-reading sessions. If you can spot the mistakes, in this add and can give at least to hours, one nite a month, we need you. This is a volunteer job with only nominale pay.

Call 441-2662 or 474-8483 to volunteer, please

## New Residents Are Invited to a Coffee

All new residents of Greenbriar and Glen Oaks have been invited to attend a New Resident's Coffee on Thursday, March 30, from 5 - 8 p.m. in the Terrace Room. Current residents are also invited to join in the welcoming party.

Long-time resident and Board Member Dorothy Pyles will host refreshments for this gathering. There will be a brief presentation about the community with information packets distributed.

All residents are asked to R.S.V.P. by Tuesday, March 28, by contacting Greenbriar's Activities Director, Linda Evans, 441-1096.

## Recreation Review

**Kite Flying Contest Winners**  
Results of the annual Kite Flying contest held March 19 are as follows: Prettiest Kite-Amber Freeman; Youngest Flyer-Anna Flynn; Oldest Flyer-Fred Thies; Highest Kite-Jason Reed & Timothy Michael Nutwell; Best Homemade Kite-Elise Flynn; Best Store Bought Kite-Craig Violet; Biggest Kite-Bill Webster; Smallest Kite-Robert Anderson.

**City Tennis Court Use**  
Spring is here and tennis players are reminded to check posted rules for the city's tennis courts. Greenbelt residents have priority for use of the courts.

**City Athletic Field Use**  
First priority for practice and games on city fields will be permitted to residents and city leagues. Permits are effective April 1. All other use is on a first-come, first served basis.

**Facility Entrance Card**  
All participants, 14 years and over entering Recreation Centers are required to possess a Recreation Facility Card. They may be purchased by residents only, at either the Youth Center or SHL Center.

## Come to the Movies

The afternoon movie series at the Greenbriar Terrace Room continues on Tuesday, March 28 at 1 p.m. "A Few Good Men" will be shown. To R.S.V.P. call Linda at 441-1096.

## Now Your Child Can Succeed In Math!

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# Community Events

## Bicyclists to Meet

The Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition (GBC) will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Police Station. The main agenda item will be final discussion of a Top Ten List of Bicycling Projects/Concerns for the City of Greenbelt. Area bicyclists are invited to bring their suggestions for how the GBC and the City of Greenbelt can work together to make Greenbelt more bike-friendly.

Plans will be made for local participation in the Washington Bike Week May 12 - 19. The GBC is encouraging area restaurants, churches/synagogues, stores, health clubs, and bike shops to declare themselves to be "bike friendly" and offer a special welcome to bicyclists on "Bike to Restaurant Day", "Bike to Worship Weekend", "Bike to Market Day", etc. Anyone with a favorite bicycling destination is encouraged to come and help recruit broad Greenbelt participation in "Bike Week" events. For more information, call Steven Harper, GBC Chair, at (301) 513-9368.

## Clean Up a Stream

Come help clean up a stream in Greenbelt Park on Sunday, March 26 at 1 p.m. Meet at the Park headquarters and join with the park rangers. Wear old clothes, gloves, shoes, and be prepared to get dirty. For information call 344-3944.

## Gifted and Learning Disabled Seminar

The Prince Georges County Association for Talented and Gifted Education (PGTAG) will sponsor a presentation on gifted learning disabled students on Wednesday, March 29 at 7 - 9 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School cafeteria.

Parents and educators are invited to hear Dr. Susan Baum of the University of Connecticut in a presentation entitled "Gifts Come in Different Packages." Dr. Baum is the author of "To Be Gifted and Learning Disabled: From Identification to Practical Intervention Strategies", a major resource for a team developing a program for students with high ability who are also learning disabled.

Call Joan Smuck at 292-3715 for more information.

## Hearing Explorations

On Friday, March 31, "Explorations Unlimited" will be presenting Lynn Perloth from the University of Maryland's Hearing and Speech Sciences Department from 1-3 p.m. at the Youth Center. Perloth will be discussing the many options an individual has when their hearing begins to fail. Among these options are hearing aids, assistive listening devices to deal with special hearing problems, and rehabilitation and how it fits into the coping process. Perloth will have some sample devices for demonstration purposes. She will also be discussing alternatives for dealing with hearing loss.

"Explorations Unlimited" is a speaker series held every Friday at the Youth Center. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. For more information call 474-6878.

## New Deal Meeting

The New Deal Cafe Steering Committee will hold a public meeting on Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m. in the Greenbelt Arts Center. At this meeting, the Committee will present the plans developed for opening and running the New Deal Cafe. Invited to the meeting are people interested in helping to make the New Deal Cafe a reality, by either joining the New Deal Cafe co-operative or finishing the plans for the New Deal Cafe. The New Deal Cafe is a cooperatively owned coffeehouse planned for the Roosevelt Center. People pay a membership fee to join the co-op, and receive benefits and a vote in how the cafe is run.

## At the Library

On Wednesday, March 29, P.J. Storytime for ages 4-6 will meet at 7 p.m.

On Thursday, March 30, Drop-In Storytime for ages 3-5 beginning at 10:15 a.m.

Also on Thursday, March 30, Tickle Toddle Storytime for age 2 and parent will be held at 11:15 a.m. Registration is required. Limit: 12.

On Saturday, April 1, a reading and discussion series entitled "American Voices" will begin at 10:30 a.m. Reed Whitmore, Professor Emeritus, University of Maryland, will discuss Langston Hughes, William Carlos Williams, and T.S. Eliot. Registration is required.

## GHI PLANS FESTIVAL

by Don Comis and Kris White  
Hot dogs, soda, free live music, giant yard sale—it'll all be there on April 22 at the headquarters buildings of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) on Hamilton Place. All are welcome.

Any GHI member can sell at the yard sale, which begins at 8:30 a.m. Donations of yard sale goods are also welcome for sale at a GHI table that will be used to defray costs of "GHI Day". GHI Day is planned as the first in a series of annual festivals at GHI to celebrate the historic co-operative. Community groups are welcome to participate.

The festival will be like a family reunion, reflecting the long-standing family/small town feeling of the co-operative and the larger Greenbelt community it is an integral part of.

A clown will roam the festival to entertain children and the young at heart.

The GHI award for outstanding member volunteer and recognition of other volunteers will be held during the festival which lasts from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also GHI candidates for Board, Audit Committee and the Nominations and Elections Committee will staff tables at the fair.

GHI's Architecture and Environment Committee will hold a landscaping party to beautify the area around the GHI offices and sell grass seed. They will also display photographs of GHI courts that have won Court Beautification Awards. People wanting to exchange extra plants and bulbs, can sign up at a bulletin board at the Committee's table.

The Woodlands Committee will use their table to organize a community cleanup.

There will also be tables for many other GHI committees, including: Historic District Community and Member Relations, and Resale. GHI staff will have tables for the Maintenance Department and Technical Services.

## Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

The next meeting of the Golden Age Club will be held on March 29 at the Youth Center. We will have Ellie Rimar's "Show & Tell" program, which was postponed due to bad weather. By now, you should have phoned Ellie if you wish to participate.

Make plans now to attend the Golden Age annual luncheon on April 24. It will be at EJ's Landing Restaurant, in the College Park Best Western Motel. You can call Phyllis Budin at 345-3879.

Activity increases this time of year, with many members involved in religious, social, and political organizations in Greenbelt. We urge Golden Agers to "get involved".

## Support Group Meets

A menopause support group meets in the Common Room of the Greenbriar Community Center. The next meetings are on Sunday March 26 and Sunday, April 23 at 2 - 3 p.m. Call 441-1096 for details.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

474-9744  
Week of March 24

Fri: 5:15 (Bargain show \$3.00)

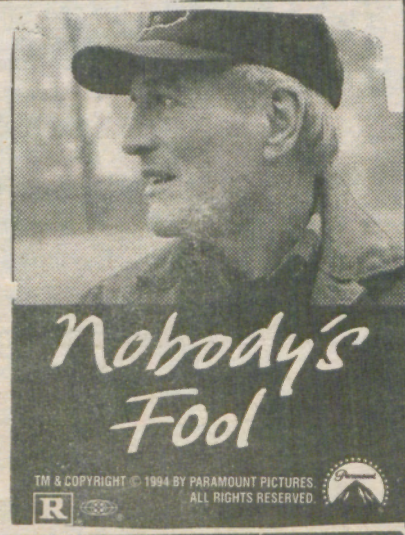
Sat: 7:30, 9:45

Sun: 5:15 (Bargain show \$3.00)  
7:30

Mon - Thur 7:30

Next Attraction:

In The Madness of King George





## Lutheran Church Service Recognized

Members of Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) Branch 4466 at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church have been awarded a Gold Star rating by the fraternal benefit society in recognition of exemplary volunteer service to the community.

AAL's 8,829 branches are ranked in eight performance categories. To achieve a Gold Star rating, branches must annually sponsor at least one AAL benevolent activity (fund-raiser, work project, etc), conduct at least twelve meetings, sponsor at least one educational activity and one member awareness event, and comply with AAL's attendance, voting and reporting requirements.

Officers at AAL Branch 4466 at Holy Cross are: Robert Krueger, president, Thomas Northam, vice president, and Jesse Walter, secretary.

AAL, a fraternal benefit society based in Appleton, Wisconsin, provides its members with life insurance and retirement products, as well as disability income and long-term care insurance in most states. Mutual funds are offered to members by AAL's wholly-owned subsidiary, AAL Capital Management Corporation. Credit union services are available to members from the AAL Member Credit Union, an affiliate of AAL.

## PGCC Offers Custom Training

Prince Georges Community College's Center for Business and Industry Training can provide "customized courses" for businesses. Courses can be held on-site, or at the college. For information call 322-0870.

## Catholic Community of Greenbelt

### MASS

Municipal Building Sundays  
10 A.M.

## Paint Branch Unitarian Church

(3215 Powder Mill Road)

Sun., March 26, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.

### "One Nation Under God"

The influence of religion  
on politics

Church School 9:30 & 11:15

Assistive Listening Devices

Rev. R.H. Thompson 937-3666

## Baha'i Faith

"Universal peace is an impossibility through human and material agencies; it must be through spiritual power."

— Baha'i Sacred Writings

Greenbelt Baha'i Community

P.O. Box 245

Greenbelt, MD 20770

345-2918

220-3460

## George Brinsko

George Andrew Brinsko, 67, died on March 10 after a long illness. He was born and raised in Weirton, West Virginia, served in the U.S. Army in Korea, and later earned a B.A. at Catholic University. For many years he worked for Lamar and Wallace, a millwork company, doing estimating and bidding on construction jobs.

Mr. Brinsko married in 1954 and moved to Greenbelt with his family in 1964. A member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church, he was active in the St. Vincent De Paul Society and the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife, Cecilia; four children: Bernadette M. Burk, Margaret M. Johnson, Martha M. Brinsko, and Timothy A. Brinsko; a brother, Stephen Brinsko of Gainesville, Florida, and sisters Anne Nelson of Jefferson, Louisiana, and Cecilia Bundy of Weirton, West Virginia.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Hugh's Catholic Church on March 14. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Prince Georges County, 96 Harry Truman Drive, Largo, Maryland 20772.

## Elsie Steinle

Greenbelt Pioneer Elsie Steinle, 92, died March 8 at Methodist Manor House, Seaford, Del. She had moved to 56-H Crescent Road in September 1937 with her husband David and three children. The Steinles were the fifth family to move into the new town of Greenbelt. A picture of them in their new home appears on page 84 of the book *Greenbelt: History of a New Town*.

In 1943, with the encouragement of Greenbelt's police chief, George Panagoulis, who told her about the opening, Mrs. Steinle started to work as a laboratory assistant for the Department of Agriculture in Beltsville. She worked there 24 years. Her daughter said her mother was especially proud of the fact that when she retired in 1967, two positions were created to fill the one job she had done alone.

David Steinle died in 1978. Mrs. Steinle's younger son, Walter, died last May at his home in Nevada. She is survived by son Werner of Roanoke, Va., daughter Louise Winker of Rehoboth Beach, Del., eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A sister, Frieda Gundel of Tripoli, Iowa, also survives.

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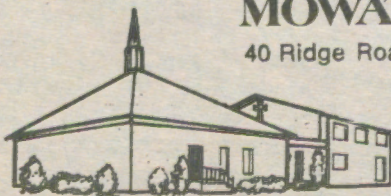
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## The Jewish Traveler, Resnick Group Topic

The Judith Resnik Group of Greater Washington Hadassah will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, March 28, at 7:45 p.m.

at the home of Becky Hirsch. The evening's meeting will feature a presentation by travel agent Saradona Lefkowitz on "The Jewish Traveler from North to South."

For information, to R.S.V.P., and for directions, please call group president Ina Shapiro at 345-1916.

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Mekeda Titus portrays Neffertiti, famous African of the past, in Greenbelt Elementary School's Black History program. —photo by Letty Morton

## Black History Program At Greenbelt Elementary

The after school students at Greenbelt Elementary school recently presented a black history program to members of the day school which was acclaimed "very successful" as well as entertaining by those in the audience.

Students entering one by one portrayed famous black people of the past and famous black Americans of the present and also the future.

The background was made by students from Mrs. Lefchicks 2nd/3rd grade class with the help of some of the older students. It consisted of posters of famous African Americans and posters made with potato de-

## In Harmony Exhibit

In Harmony, a limited edition fine art print by Greenbelt artist, Sandy Gartenhaus, will be exhibited at the U.S. Botanic Garden at Maryland Ave. and 1st St., SW during their 1995 Spring Flower Show, March 25-April 23. It will be available for sale at Nordstrom, Montgomery Mall, on Saturday, April 22 in Celebration of Earth Day and at The Behnke Nursery, Beltsville. In Harmony was awarded "Best Artwork Representing Concern for the Environment" at the 1993 Greenbelt Labor Day Art Show.

signs to look like kinta cloth.

Members of the pom pom club also performed.

## New Sign Plan for Plaza Ends 32-month Disagreement

by Virginia Beauchamp

A joint agreement approved by the Greenbelt City Council at its regular meeting on February 27 brought to completion a 32-month process of negotiation with the Beltway Plaza Developers to standardize signage for the shopping center. Councilmember Judith Davis, who in September 1992, as chair of the Advisory Planning Board, had signed the first APB report concerning this effort, was the only councilmember to vote against the agreement.

This decision, she explained, was made "on principle," since she opposed the portion of the agreement that permits signage on the front towers of the garage deck on the Greenbelt Rd. frontage. "This would be intrusive on the atmosphere," she said.

Nevertheless, both she and Mayor Antoinette Bram expressed delight that the large pylon sign owned by the Giant food store at the Cherrywood corner of the property on Greenbelt Rd. would come down as part of the agreement. "I'm going to vote for the agreement because I want to see that pylon come down," Bram said.

City staff has described the agreement as a compromise for both parties. Nevertheless, according to a city memo, it fulfills the city's overall goal to "improve the aesthetics of the Beltway Plaza." The Beltway Plaza Developers argue, on their side, that additional sign area is necessary to attract customers and alert them to the presence of certain stores within the mall.

Because the Plaza is a hybrid —part enclosed mall, part strip shopping mall—it fits guidelines for neither type of development under signage regulations of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC). A Departure from a Sign Design Standards (DSDS) application permitting more signage had been filed by the developer with MNCPPC. Under the terms of the new agreement this application would be withdrawn.

### Terms of Agreement

The city will now support the erection of three six-foot pylon monument signs located at major entrances to the plaza—Cherry-

wood and Greenbelt Rd., the rear entrance off Cherrywood, and the east entrance from Greenbelt Rd. Six-foot directional signs will be allowed at two locations on Cherrywood—at both the front and rear driveways leading to the Giant store. The city will also support a DSDS application to increase the total sign area for the Plaza to 2,749.5 square feet.

To work toward uniformity, all new signs will be colored "Beltway red," except for distinctive corporate signage for national level stores. Signs along the mall will be installed on horizontal sign bands or building grillage. Signs will be permitted only on the Greenbelt Rd. and Cherrywood Lane frontages, although existing nonconforming signs will be allowed to remain in place. They may not be changed, however. All new or altered signs must conform to the new guidelines.

### Council Discussion

Signage guidelines would be restricted to the mall areas, the city's Director of Planning and Community Development, Celia Wilson explained. "Pod sites," such as Bennigan's, Wendy's, and the two now under construction, Mattress Discounters and Boston Market, would be exempt. These would be controlled under the zoning ordinance, however, Wilson said. The Sports Authority and the AMC 14 signs would also remain, as "grandfathered in."

"What about the large electronic signs?" someone asked.

"You mean the 'traveling message sign'?" answered Kap Kap-

## Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The Prince George's County Office of Recycling is sponsoring a Spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. This event will take place Sunday, March 26, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Surrattsville High School, 6101 Garden Drive, Clinton.

Household hazardous waste includes products with the terms "toxic," "corrosive," "flammable," "poisonous," or "reactive" on the label. Hazardous materials are found in such common items as used motor oil, batteries, pesticides, photographic materials, household cleaners, solvents, and oil-based paints. Professional hazardous waste handlers will be available to assist residents at the drive-thru collection site. Residents should bring their substances in the original containers. If original containers are not available, then materials should be properly marked for content.

astin, who represented the developer at the meeting. Kapastin explained that this sign fulfills an important purpose in providing information about smaller firms otherwise out of sight within the mall. In this way they don't need outside signs, he said.

It can also be used for special events, he added. In this way it could provide publicity for community activities occurring elsewhere in the city. Each message lasts about 20 to 30 seconds, or about as much time as car occupants might be able to take in while driving past. "There is no charge," he said.

Most negative attention to the agreement focused on the use of the tower structures on the parking garage as a location for further signage. These would be restricted, however, to the major store occupants. Although councilmember Rodney Roberts voted, along with Bram, Thomas White and Edward Putens, to approve the joint agreement, Roberts summed up feelings that Davis had earlier expressed: the towers are "like a big sore thumb sticking up."

## Greenbelt Grab Bag

by Punchin' Judy

The devil made me do it. He looked at me and bared his teeth ferociously. But he wasn't after my soul, only his dinner. So was the kangaroo, who was nibbling at my fingers, and I gave her the corn kernels in my hand. I knew it was a "her" since she had a joey in her pouch, head inside, legs dangling out.

This didn't happen in a dream, in virtual reality, or at Greenbelt Lake. I was in Tasmania, and it really was the devil that made me do it. I was visiting relatives in Sydney, Australia, and enjoying the warmth of the January summer days. The company was good, the food was delicious, the museums were fascinating, but I suddenly realized that, apart from dodging the traffic moving in the opposite direction, this was really what I would do on a vacation at home. I needed something different.

Then I saw the poster in the window of a travel agent — it was a Tasmanian Devil. I had to meet this guy in person and I figured he wanted to meet me, too, since there was a package tour within my budget, aided by the fact that the Australian dollar costs only about 75 American cents.

Tasmania is an island south of the Australian mainland,

somewhat more reminiscent of its British origins than the eastern cities of that continent. Historically Tasmania is known for its old jails, I mean gaols where the British sent prisoners convicted of crimes ranging from murder to picking pockets. Apparently the treatment in these prisons was far from humane, and I was glad to switch my thoughts to drives in the really beautiful scenery.

And in a wild-life preserve there was Tassie, as the devil is known affectionately. He and his kin must have shockingly bad dispositions. They are not very large, but they snarl at each other and everyone else. There were lots of other animals, but my heart belongs to Tassie. He makes everybody else seem so good-natured by contrast.

I had figured that by missing most of the month of January in this region I had as good as escaped winter. Hah. January here turned out to be a mild month, and February made up for it. It's OK, though. Greenbelt is beautiful when it snows, and I wouldn't miss it for the world. However, when the single digits come on the thermometer, I wouldn't mind another date with Tassie.

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## Bath for Your Carpet ... Or Bath for You?

There are many reputable carpet cleaning companies that will do a fine job of cleaning carpets, now that the holidays are over. But there are some others to be avoided.

Although equipment varies, anyone can rent, buy or lease rug cleaning machines and set themselves up in the carpet cleaning business. No license or testing is required. People who do this kind of work can damage carpets if they don't know what they are doing and, as always, caution is important when allowing any stranger into the home.

Many carpet cleaning companies, especially the "problem" companies, operate with only a telephone — and can easily disappear by changing names and telephone numbers. Others seem to be loosely connected groups of individuals who all respond to calls made to a particular number but operate independently of one another. One consumer called for service and when the technician arrived, was asked for a check payable to the particular individual — explained as: "That is how it's done in this business." When problems arise the "company" may deny responsibility since there is no proof they provided the service. Customers should be paying the company, not a particular workman.

Problems include unsatisfactory cleaning — dirt or stains that remain after the work is done, carpets left soaking wet, and damaged by the time they dry. Reputable companies usually solve most problems. The others instead blame the customer or quietly disappear.

Another problem area in the carpet cleaning business is "come on" advertising of bargain rates. These rates often prove to be for "maintenance" cleaning only — and the company will claim on arrival that the carpet is too dirty to benefit from the service advertised and needs special cleaning, plus spot removal, at extra cost.

It is equally important to be clear in advance about what furniture the carpet cleaner will move and what items are the customer's responsibility.

What can you do to avoid problems? Look for an established business with a proven track record — few complaints and a demonstrated willingness to solve those that do arise. It is important to check the company's complaint record with the Consumer Protection Commission and the Better Business Bureau. Remember, a report of "no complaints" is meaningless if the company is new, or using a new name. It is essential to know how long the company has been in business to evaluate the information you receive.

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## BARC Environmental Impact Study Authorized by Council

by Diane Oberg

The city took the next steps in opposing further development on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), and learned more about a recent embezzlement of city funds, at the March 13 regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council. In addition, a number of measures proposed to help the county deal with its budget shortfall were considered.

### BARC

Council took several actions regarding the 350,000 square foot U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Headquarters complex proposed for BARC. The USDA has now selected a specific site, bounded by Sunnyside Avenue, I-95, Rhode Island Avenue, and the CSX Railroad tracks.

Council authorized the hiring of environmental and traffic experts to help City Solicitor Robert Manzi evaluate the adequacy of the environmental impact study prepared for the complex. Manzi said that although the study acknowledges that the necessary road improvements would have unspecified impacts, it just says, basically, "but we'll take care of them."

Manzi estimated the consultants' fees would be \$7,500 to \$10,000 but cautioned council that there is no guarantee that the city will have a case at the end of the experts' analysis, which is expected to take two to four weeks.

Without discussion, council agreed to oppose provision of water and sewer service to the site. They also agreed to oppose the construction of a Food and Drug Administration facility at another BARC site near Powder Mill.

### Embezzlement

City Manager Daniel Hobbs updated council on the recent "financial irregularity" involving a now-fired city employee. The alleged embezzler surrendered to police on February 17 and has been released on bond. The \$19,972 loss is expected to be recovered from either the suspect or from the city's bonding authority.

The city was able to uncover the problem, Hobbs said, because it has a good staff and good financial controls. He told council that he had called in the city's auditors to review their procedures. Hobbs said that the auditors' report, which was provided council, showed that they found no material weaknesses in the city's financial controls. The auditors did

identify some minor problems in the city's recordkeeping, and recommended procedural changes to address them.

Hobbs will propose changing a half-time position in the finance department to full time to allow implementation of a previously proposed internal auditing system.

### County Budget Woes

Council took positions on several proposals to deal with an estimated \$108 million county budget shortfall. It unanimously opposed any cuts in the budget for the county library system and "totally" opposed closing the Greenbelt library.

The only item debated by council was the proposal for county taxes on telephone bills. The telephone tax accounts for roughly half the revenue increases proposed by the county executive. Councilmembers Edward Putens, Thomas White and Rodney Roberts prevailed over Judith Davis and Mayor Antoinette Bram to oppose the bill. White and Putens said the telephone tax is regressive and objected to the multiple layers of taxation already applied to phone service.

In supporting the phone tax, Davis argued that "if we want good education," the county needs additional revenue. Bram felt that city revenues could suffer if the county got so desperate for revenue it took back revenue sources currently sent to cities.

Council unanimously supported increasing the piggyback tax to 60% retroactively to January 1 (the city would gain roughly \$20,000 from this increase); taxing casino nights and imposing a school facilities surcharge on new residential construction. They opposed transferring funds from the park account and land acquisition fund to the county's general fund.

### Ridge Road Reconstruction

Council received the revised report of the Advisory Planning Board (APB) on the proposed reconstruction of Ridge Road. By a narrow vote (3-2),

the board recommended the "no change" option for the section between Laurel Hill Road and Plateau Place. A minority report called for conversion from perpendicular to parallel parking, to eliminate substandard and unsafe conditions in the area. However, since GHI does not have the authority to assign perpendicular parking, residents would lose their reserved spaces. The majority felt that this was highly valued by residents and that the adjacent residents did not perceive any benefits from the changes that would outweigh this loss.

Council is expected to consider this report at its March 27 regular meeting.

### Conflict Resolution

The Community Relations Advisory board (CRAB) sent council an interim report on its activities regarding "hate crimes" in the city. After reviewing the incidents, CRAB found that these "completely unacceptable crimes" did not appear to be true hate crimes, but rather reflect other types of disputes, such as domestic, business, or neighborhood problems or teenage pranks. However, the board felt that these crimes revealed growing dissension between diverse groups.

The board's investigation led it to conclude that there was a need in the city for programs to deal with cultural diversity and conflict resolution. It has been working with city staff and the Labor Day Committee to recognize the city's diversity. The board is now stepping up its efforts to investigate the city's needs regarding conflict resolution.

### Nuclear Petition

Doug Love, representing the Greenbelt Greens, and Ray Stevens asked council's support for legislation directing more study before implementation of a proposed federal plan for shipping nuclear waste to a temporary storage facility. Council directed city staff to get additional information. Among the concerns raised were whether such waste would travel through Greenbelt and, even if not, the extent of local police and fire/rescue involvement in any accident.

### Council Goodies

City Manager Daniel Hobbs presented council with T-shirts made for distribution to state legislators in hearings on a bond issue that would provide funds for the Community Center, and with "Frisbees" that will be given to participants in the city's upcoming "It's Municipal Government" contest for sixth graders at Springhill Lake and Greenbelt Elementary Schools.

### Other Actions

Council unanimously approved the Bicycle Task Force's request that the city support a state bill mandating bike riders of all ages to wear bicycle helmets. Roberts voted "aye" despite asking whether a mandate is needed, and acknowledging that he does not wear (or own) a helmet.

Council awarded a bid for replastering the outdoor pool, and rejected all bids for cabling the community center. The low bid was roughly 50% what the city's consultant expected. Staff will attempt to negotiate an acceptable price with the three firms bidding.

## Fifty Years Ago

### Election Day

by James Giese

November, 1944—November 7 was election day. Greenbelt had 537 registered voters, 406 Democrats, 99 Republicans and 32 independents. Absentee ballots were mailed to servicemen. This was a Presidential election year, with President Franklin Delano Roosevelt running against Republican challenger Wendell Wilkie. Also up for election were one U.S. Senator and one Congressman. Republican Blanchard Randall was challenging incumbent Democrat Millard Tydings for the Senate while C. Maurice Weidemeyer was the Republican challenging long-time county Democratic party leader Lansdale G. Sasscer for Sasscer's House seat. The ballot also contained eight constitutional amendment proposals submitted for voter approval.

The paper failed to give any election results. Roosevelt won, of course, as probably did Tydings and Sasscer.

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## Innovations Improve Service At Greenbelt Post Office

by Millie O'Dea

Certificates of appreciation and awards for outstanding service decirathe office walls of John H.S. Hyater, who this month completes his first year as Greenbelt's Postmaster and his 35th year with the U.S. Postal Service. He has held various management positions in the areas of customer service and sales and in processing and delivery, and was Postmaster at Savage, Maryland, before coming to Greenbelt.

Hyater writes a regular column in the Postmaster's Advocate, the official periodical of the National League of Postmasters; he also has a column in "The Black Eyed Susan," a state publication.

At the outset of his tenure, the Postmaster sent letters to all the businesses in Greenbelt, introducing himself and giving assurance of friendly, efficient service. new pick-up boxes have been placed throughout the area, outdated relay boxes have been removed, and an overnight delivery box has been placed outside the Post office.

Hyater also initiated and activcy participates in the "Customer Advisory Council," which consists of the postmasters from Greenbelt, Glenn Dale, and Lanham-Seabrook and several citizens from each locale. The council aims to develop a sense of community partnership and open lines of communication in the community in resolving postal issues and improving the quality of service by increased understanding of customer expectations. The postmasters see the council as an additional way of ensuring that they are being responsive to customers' concerns. Michael Burchick of Woodland Way, a Greenbelt member of the council, serves on a committee doing test mailings to evaluate the postal performance. He describes Hyater as "approachable and pleasant, a diplomat and a listener."

### Five-Minute Program

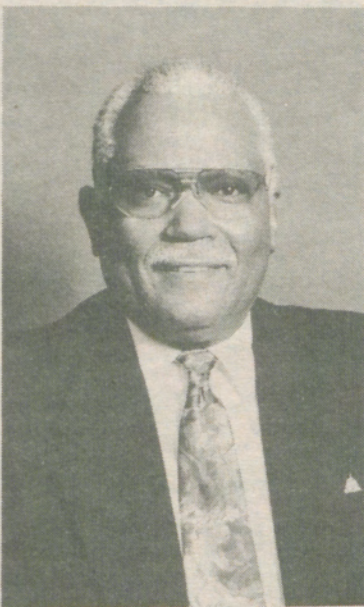
Another new element introduced by Hyater is the "Five-Minute Program" for service at the windows. Because there is downtime and the staff have other responsibilities, all three windows are not always manned. Should the lines remain long for five minutes, additional staff are alerted and they take their places at their windows as soon as they can free themselves. My behind-the-scenes visit at 8:30 one morning afforded me the opportunity to see the frenzy of activity -- mainly arm motions sorting and slotting the mail, with no coffee cups claiming any seconds of time -- and the phones ringing so incessantly that the Postmaster took the overflow of calls. On my way out, I became aware of the scales, stamp machines and other equipment in the lobby placed there for customers who are crucially limited by time and unable to stand in line.

The Postal Service, said Hyater, "has been my life. It is by far the most proficient and efficiently run organization of its size that you can find. The majority of the letter carriers are told by citizens that they are pleased with the service. We are not perfect -- we are not machines -- we correct our mistakes."

The Postmaster encourages people who have questions about chain letters or about the legitimacy of contests or offers received in the mail, to call the Post Office. Because he wants to respond he encourages

callers who are unable to reach him directly to leave messages with their names and addresses.

Hyater lives in Glenn Dale with his wife, Carolyn. He is the father of three daughters. Hyater says Greenbelt is a "beautiful city," and he loves walking through Greenbelt's park and using the tennis courts.



John H. S. Hyater has just completed his first year as Greenbelt's Postmaster.

### Clerical Volunteer

The Prince Georges County Health Department is looking for a volunteer to help with basic office tasks such as answering phones, typing, etc. The Health Dept. also needs a Volunteer Coordinator for the after school program. Duties include recruitment and training of volunteers to tutor elementary school age youth, ages 6-12. For information, or to volunteer, call the Prince Georges Voluntary Action Center at 699-2800.

### The Post Office: Did You Know?

by Millie O'Dea  
At Greenbelt:

In 1987, approximately 40,000 people were served; in 1994 approximately 65,000 people.

Employees begin work anywhere from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and sometimes have to begin as early as 4:30 a.m.

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You don't have to wait in line to pick up a package -- show the postal slip.

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The lobby holds updated machinery -- stamps, scales, etc. -- to accommodate those pressed for time.

Tax forms are available in the lobby.

### Nationally:

The United States handles 40% of the world's mail volume. Japan, the second largest carrier, handles 8%.

The Postal Service delivers more mail in a day than Federal Express does in a year.

177 billion pieces of mail were processed in 1994, which equates to 580 million pieces a day.

The delivery network now reaches 125 million addresses.

As of December 1, 1994, the postage rate for first-class mail: in Japan, 80 cents; Germany, 64 cents; USA 32 cents.

The Postal Service became separate from the government in 1972, does not receive tax dollars for its operation, finances itself totally on sales, and postal revenue helps to offset the U.S. budget.

### Faculty Art Exhibition

Creative members of The Art Department at University of Maryland at College Park have been called together for a faculty exhibition hosted by The Art Gallery. The twenty-one participants will be on display from Saturday, March 25 until Sunday, April 23. The opening reception is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The Art Gallery is located in the Art-Sociology Building on the College Park campus. Exhibition hours are Monday through Friday noon to 4 p.m.; Wednesday evenings from noon to 9 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. The reception, exhibition, and all events sponsored by the Gallery, are free and open to the public. Please call 405-2763 for further information.

### HIV/AIDS Support

The Whitman-Walker Clinic of Suburban Maryland, 7676 New Hampshire Ave., offers support groups every Wednesday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Area residents living in any stage of HIV disease are invited to participate. For information call Lisa Porto at 439-0731, ext. 212.

### Wildflower Walks

Watkins Nature Center, located in Watkins Regional Park, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, is sponsoring a series of Wildflower Walks, every Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., beginning March 26 through May 21.

This free activity is for adults--16 years and up--who will discover the extraordinary variety of beautiful wildflowers located in the woods and meadows of Watkins Regional Park. Participants are encouraged to wear old clothes and comfortable shoes. This event will be cancelled in the event of rain.

Pre-registration is required. For information and registration, please call (301) 249-6202; TTY (301) 699-2544.

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## Herling's Benefit Concert A Sterling Preformance

by Joe Sucher

Al Herling loves playing the piano; so do I. Al Herling has a twin sister; so do I. And there the resemblance ends. How does an amateur, at the age of 80, get to give a concert before a crowd of 400 rapt listeners? Practice, of course, but that's only part of it. Herling, a long-time Greenbelt resident, has done this before: He gave concerts at age 70 and 75, both to celebrate his birthday and to benefit the Department of Music Scholarship Fund at the University of Maryland and the Greenbelt Arts Center.

The concert, held last Saturday night at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, was presented by the Arts Center and sponsored in part by a variety of local and state organizations. By virtue of his many contributions to the improvement of the quality of life in our area, Al Herling has become a beloved member of the community, evidenced once again by the massive turnout. (For more information about his extraordinary life see the profile of him published two weeks ago in the News Review.)

### Concert Program

The evening featured works by Chopin, Bach, Haydn and Grieg. Herling began with three preludes from Chopin's Opus 28. His performance of the first of these, the beautiful, somber prelude in E-minor (played by Liszt at Chopin's funeral), seemed rather tentative but this was soon explained. Advancing years bring not only a weakening of memory but also of eyesight. Herling was wearing the wrong glasses! After time-out to find the right pair, he continued with his customary aplomb; he played the famous short prelude in C-minor with great delicacy.

Before continuing with three preludes from Bach's "The Well-Tempered Clavichord," including the well-known one in C-major with its organ-point base and arpeggio treble line, Herling explained to the audience that while some people may think of Bach as a "mathematical composer," in his own approach he follows the turn-of-the-century pianist and composer F. Busoni, who stressed the emotional aspects of Bach's music. Herling also took the occasion to praise the Golden ID program of the University of Maryland (tuition-free courses for senior citizens), which led not only to his piano lessons but also to his taking a course on the physics of music and to learning about some of the mathematical aspects of music, "with some success." This section of the program concluded with Haydn's Sonata in E-minor; Herling played the final movement (vivace molto) with the fire of a young man.

### With Santiago Rodriguez

A highlight of the evening came just after the intermission: a performance of Haydn's "Il Maestro e lo scolare" (The Teacher and the Student), a charming piece for four hands. Here the otherwise indomitable Herling had to face one of his few limitations: only one pair of hands. The other pair was supplied by the internationally known concert

pianist Santiago Rodriguez, who is also a professor of music at the University of Maryland with whom

Herling has been taking lessons for more than a decade. Much of this piece has the Maestro playing a passage in a low register, which is then repeated by the scolare in a higher one. The tableau formed by the black-haired Rodriguez and the white-haired Herling, who is twice his teacher's age, sitting side-by-side on the piano bench made an unforgettable impression, especially in view of its breaking of the classic student-teacher stereotypes.

After a rousing performance of Grieg's sonata in E-minor, Herling concluded the program with three nocturnes by Chopin. In these lyrical and passionate pieces, Herling was at his pianistic best, playing with great control of dynamics and depth of feeling. The standing ovation which followed reflected the audience's appreciation of Herling both as a sterling man and as a fine pianist.

This concert was an event to savor and remember. For the some-of-the-time piano players among us it was an inspiration to get back again to the dust-gathering keyboard. I await repeat performances at Al Herling's 85th birthday and then again, at 88, the number of keys on his beloved instrument.

## Successful Boys Basketball

by Bridget Osborne

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club's 11 & Under Boys Basketball Team has completed regular season play with a record of five wins and seven losses. This was the first year of county competition for these young players.

It proved to be quite a task entering county competition at the "AAA" level; however, the team rose to the challenge. Their development individually, as well as their progress as a team has been remarkable, making this a successful season.

After three losses, the team earned its first victory when it defeated the defending league champions, thanks in no small part to the enthusiastic home team crowd at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Greenbelt's defense stunned Laurel, putting an end to their two season winning streak. The final score was 24-22.

### The Players

The team's leading scorer is Jabari Savoury. In addition to sinking the most shots, Jabari is known for his lightning fast, break away speed. Jabari's quick paced driving style of play adds excitement to every game. Dru Baldauf is the team's most consistent player. A relentless competitor, Dru never has an off game. Dru's intellectual capacity, in addition to his recruiting efforts and his ability to direct his teammates on the court have earned him the title of Player-Coach.

At center, Brett Hanna pulls down his share of rebounds. Brett's ability to elude defenders and open himself for passes is superb. Defensively, Brett is an unyielding barricade to the opponents' attempts at baseline moves. Tommy Schutz provides the team's best defense against the inbounds pass, causing the most turnovers in this situation. Tommy's skillful technique for blocking out after free throws denies opponents the opportunity to rebound.

Some of the quickest hands on defense belong to Khristian Benson. On offense, Khristian's snappy

inside passes and his ability to read the defense allow him to deliver the team's best performance in the classic give and go play. Ben Kepler has the best outside jump shot on the team. Ben has mastered the offensive skill of setting screens and his ability to implement the pick and roll is unmatched. Ben is also a solid defender.

Joe Crossed is the team's best all around player. Joe's rebounding skills are outstanding. Joe's ability to follow shots and sneak into position allow him to grab a high percentage of rebounds. Joe's challenging defensive techniques transform many opponent rebounds to jump balls. Victor Akinyanju and Vincent Osbourne give the team flavor, contributing plays of their own design named for their favorite foods. Known for their antics at practice, these two are serious come game time, and best known for their unselfish assists to one another. As forwards, Victor and Vincent complement each other, not every

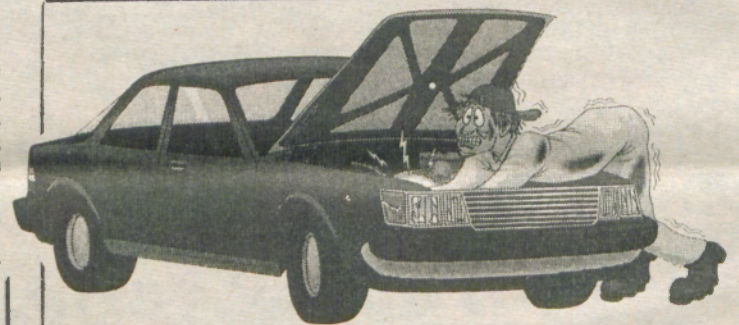
## GHI Resident Wins Journalism Award

GHI resident Susan Cahill recently won a first-place award in medical and science writing from the Maryland-Deleware-D.C. Press Association. Cahill, a freelance writer, was a frequent contributor to The Washington Post's Health section last year and also has written for the Post's Outlook section.

"I didn't know I was being considered for the contest," Cahill told the News Review. "I came downstairs to get my mail and I found the award in it. It was a great surprise."

Cahill, a graduate of the journalism program at the University of Maryland at College Park, is a full-time writer and editor. Although she writes about a variety of topics, most of her current clients are from the field of medicine. Among them is a firm that writes and edits material for the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health.

basketball team has a pair of football lineman under the boards. Regrettably, Paxton was unable to complete the season. Paxton is a sound player and will be a welcome addition to next year's 12 and Under team.



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Michael Wilson, 6th grader, standing in front of his experiment which won first place in sixth grade in Greenbelt Elementary School's first science fair.

—photo by Letty Morton

### Bio Aerobics Class

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission announces the opening of registration for Bio Aerobics Dance Fitness Classes for adults and teens. Spring Session begins April 3 with classes at Good Luck Community Center, Greenbelt Elem. School, Greenbelt Middle School, Prince Georges Plaza Community Center, Bladensburg Community Center and High Point High School. A free aerobics class will be held at Greenbelt Elem. School on March 29 at 7 pm. For information and a free brochure call (301) 262-5175.

### Music Competitions

On Saturday evening April 1, and Sunday evening April 2, at 7 p.m., the annual Homer Ulrich Competition Finals will take place in the Ulrich Recital Hall of the Tawes Fine Arts Building at the University of Maryland College Park. The April 1 event will feature the undergraduate contest while April 2 will feature graduate performers. There will be three finalists in each of four Divisions: piano, string, wind/percussion and voice. These competitions are free and open to the public. For additional information please call (301) 405-1150.

## Greenbelt Elementary Holds Science Fair

There were many entries from enthusiastic students in the first annual Science Fair at Greenbelt Elementary School on March 7. Students produced their own experiments and recorded their work, adding photos, graphs and in many cases the actual comparisons and results of their experiments. Organized by Science teacher Carole Lubetzky the entrants were mainly third through sixth graders.

Winners were: 3rd grade, 1st place, Stephen Scianella; 2nd place Melody Rogers and Britany Joy; 4th grade, 1st place, Maureen Zurla and Janelle Aquilera; 2nd, Dante Quarles and Jermaine Hunter; 3rd, David Lemus; 5th grade, 1st place, John Norden; 2nd, Amber Freeman and Katherin Griffin; 3rd, Jared Hunt and 6th grade, 1st place, Michael Wilson, 2nd, Loren Derise and Katie Monk; 3rd Keva Marable.

Special recognition went to kindergartner Heather Hughes. Special All-out Effort awards went to Ian Alexander, 5th grader and Most Dedicated, Walter West, 6th grader.

Classes receiving 1st place awards were Mrs. Anderson's 2/3 and Mrs. Brooks Intermediate class.

All 1st place winners will move on to compete at the County Science Fair Saturday, May 6 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.



Michael Leech with his teacher Kim Brooks shows the award his class won in Greenbelt Elementary School's Science Fair.

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Carole Lubetzky science teacher at Greenbelt Elementary School and Carolyn Goff, principal give award to science fair winner Keva Marable.

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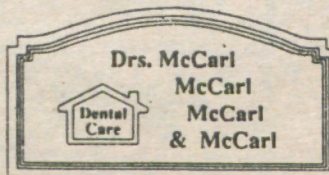
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As a person was walking on the path at Gardenway towards the Spellman Overpass around 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, he was approached by four males who demanded his money. When the person said he didn't have any, one of the four displayed a handgun, possibly a .38 caliber. The victim fled, as did the would-be muggers.

As a pizza delivery person was approaching an apartment building in the 9100 block of Edmonston Rd. around 9:30 p.m. on Friday, March 10, to make a delivery, a youth came up to him and inquired about the order. A second youth then approached the victim from behind, displayed what may have been a black semi-automatic handgun, told the victim to get on the ground, and demanded his money and wallet. After getting the money and wallet, the gunman ran away towards the rear of building 9160; a second malefactor lingered a short time and then left, direction unknown. The suspects are described thus: (1) male, black, 18-22 years old, 5'10", 160 lbs., clean-shaven with dark complexion, wearing a black skull cap, dark three-quarter length coat, and white tennis shoes; (2) male, black, 18-22 years old, 6'0", 175 lbs., wearing a dark blue jacket and possibly black gloves.

Around 10:15 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, a food delivery person was held up in the 9100 block of Edmonston Rd as he was attempting to make a delivery. A youth approached him in front of the building, inquired about the delivery, and followed the victim into the building, telling him he was going to get the money for the delivery. Then, two more youths, one of whom displayed a handgun, approached the victim. The victim was told to lay on the ground and give the robbers money, which he did, as well as his wallet. The robbers then ran away. They are described: (1) male, black about 28 years old, 200 lbs, clean-shaven, medium complexion, wearing dark clothing; (2) male, black, 18-22 years old, 5'11", 175 lbs., armed with a handgun; (3) male, black, 18-22 years old.

Jeanne Marie Lindsay, a 30-year-old resident woman of 9C Parkway, was arrested for operating an unsafe motor vehicle, driving with a suspended license, driving under the influence of drugs, possession of phenylidine (PCP) with intent to distribute, and possession of PCP around 6:45 p.m. on Monday, March 13, after an officer pulled her over for an equipment violation near 25 Crescent Rd. She appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was incarcerated in lieu of \$5000 bond.

A 15-year-old nonresident youth and a 16-year-old resident youth were arrested and charged with possession of (drug) paraphernalia around 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, after officers responded to a report of two suspicious people in a stairwell at the rear of the AMC 8 theaters (Beltway Plaza) and found the two teen-agers with a pipe such as is commonly used to smoke marijuana. The juveniles were released to their parents pending trial.

Around 11:30 a.m., Monday, March 13, the School Resource Officer at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High went to a classroom where there was a fight and found one of the participants, a 16-year-old nonresident girl, had a pager in her purse. A request that she be charged with possession of a pager on school grounds has been filed.

Around 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, the School Resource Officer at Roosevelt Senior High arrested two resident youths, aged 16 and 17, for trespassing. One is no

longer a student there, and the other had been placed on pending suspension and had been warned not to be on school grounds without a parent.

A man stole a completed money order from a store in Roosevelt Center around 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14. He is described as white, in his 30s, about 5'9", 165 lbs., red hair, blue eyes, wearing a red shirt and jeans.

Around 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, two men used a counterfeit one hundred dollar bill to purchase merchandise at a store in Greenway Shopping Center. They are described: (1) black, about 26 years old, 5'9", 155 lbs., short black hair, medium complexion, wearing a navy blue and white shirt and baggy jeans; (2) black, about 30 years old, 6'1", 250 lbs., short black hair, mustache, brown eyes, wearing a blue shirt and blue jeans.

A 30-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with use of a credit card with intent to defraud, assault, battery, and malicious destruction around 11:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, after a scuffle at a store in Greenway Shopping Center. Apparently the suspect tried to purchase groceries with a credit card belonging to another person; when he was asked to provide additional identification, he grabbed the store manager and pushed him aside. Then, other customers held him until the police arrived and made the arrest. The man appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was held on \$1000 bond pending trial.

While a woman was inside a residence in the 6200 block of Breezewood Ct. around 3:45 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8, an unknown person tried to get into the apartment, opening the front door with a key. He was foiled by the door chain, however. The woman then looked through the peephole and saw him walking away; he is described as black, wearing a blue jacket and blue trousers.

A burglary was reported at a residence in the 6200 block of Springhill Dr. on Friday, March 10. Entry was gained by forcing open the sliding glass door; electronic equipment, jewelry, and money were stolen.

A gas grill was stolen from a patio at a residence in the 6100 block of Springhill Terr. on Sunday, March 12.

Vandalism of a residence in 21 Court Ridge Rd. was reported on Tuesday, March 14. Someone had cut several window screens with an unknown tool; however, the glass in the windows was not tampered with and there was no indication an attempt was made to get in.

The theft of a wallet from a locker at a fitness center at Greenway Shopping Center was reported around 9:30 p.m. on Monday, March 13.

On Monday, March 13, it was observed the library, the underpass near 10 Court Crescent Rd., and the underpass at Laurel Hill and Hillside Rds. were vandalized with spray painting over the weekend.

On Monday, March 13, a burglary at an office suite in the 6300 block of Ivy Lane was reported. The method of entry is undetermined; currency was stolen from a cash box.

A laptop computer was reported stolen from an office in the 7800 block of Walker Dr. on Tuesday, March 14.

Around 11:15 p.m. on Sunday, March 12, officers responded to 9200 block of Springhill Lane mart burglar alarm and found that someone had thrown a trash can through the glass in the front door and stolen some clothing.

Around 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 16, officers responded to a

report of a theft from an auto in 13 Court Laurel Hill Rd. A witness said she heard a noise outside around 3 a.m. and saw two youths running from the area. They are described: (1) male, white, about 16 years old, 6'1", 220 lbs., blond hair, crew-cut, wearing a green flannel shirt; (2) male, white, about 15 years old, 5'11", 150 lbs., wearing a white T shirt.

A 42-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft over \$300 around 8:45 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, when an officer stopped a

vehicle for an equipment violation in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane and found the vehicle had been reported stolen. The man appeared before a District Commissioner and was released on personal recognizance pending trial.

A blue, four-door, 1993 Saturn SLZ, MD tags AMR529, was reported stolen from 22 Court Ridge Rd. on Tuesday, March 14.

A vehicle with MD tags BZV692 was reported stolen from the Greenbelt Metro parking lot on

Wednesday, March 15.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: the 6000 block of Breezewood Ct., the 6400 and 6500 blocks of Capitol Dr., the 9000 block of Edmonston Ct., the 9100 block of Edmonston Rd., the 6000 and 7500 blocks of Greenbelt Rd., the 7500 block of Greenway Center Dr., the 7500 block of Hanover Pkwy., the 6400 block of Ivy Lane, the 20 block of Lakeside Dr., and the 6000 block of Springhill Dr.

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# Operation Midnight

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not to stop for or cooperate with police.

Even with the new program, police are not going to be stopping every youth every time they are out at night, said Lt. Michael Craddock. Stops, he said, will still be made for the same reasons as before the program began—in response to calls reporting suspicious activity or when an officer observes someone in a dangerous situation. Police do not expect this program to have much effect on chronic troublemakers. Instead, they hope it will be effective in helping a "good kid" who has gotten involved with a bad crowd.

Police are currently accepting contracts from parents. To register, parents can fill in and return the contract printed in a city ad elsewhere in this issue. Information on the program is available from Officer George Mathews on 507-6515. Contracts are also available at the police station and the municipal building.

## Operation Schooltime

The other program specifically targeted at youth is "Operation Schooltime," a truancy/delinquency prevention program. Officers have been instructed to seek out school-age children during school hours and return them to school, regardless of the location of the school.

## Mountain Bike Patrol

This program, long advocated by

Councilmember Rodney Roberts, is now supported by the police department. It may be a while before Greenbelters see the first officer pedalling by, however, as the current budget does not provide funds for the required equipment.

The police department is currently seeking donations from citizens and businesses. At the work-session, Councilmember Judith Davis questioned why the department had not obtained authorization from council before beginning the fund drive. Craze conceded that he should have done so.

The city has also applied for a federal grant to support a city bike patrol.

## Drug Money

Another proposal to support the police department's "unmet needs" is to devote money forfeited in non-federal drug cases to supplementing the police budget. Federal law already requires that funds seized in federal cases be used for law enforcement and that they be in addition to already budgeted funds.

City Manager Daniel Hobbs recommended a modification to this proposal, which was accepted by council. Currently, non-federal forfeited funds return to the city's general fund. Given the city's budget condition, he recommended that only funds in excess of \$15,000

go to the police department. Currently, he expects that the city will receive about \$17,000 in federal forfeited funds and "about the same amount" in non-federal funds.

## Other Programs

Several other programs were also approved. These include permitting officers to transport victims of domestic violence to a place of safety, within police radio limits (about 40-50 miles); taking a more aggressive approach to stamping out graffiti—which may be a sign of gang activity; offering \$100 rewards for tips leading to recovery of guns in public places; and a program to more closely monitor people who have been convicted of previous crimes.

Craze also seeks to revamp the Crime Prevention Committee and negotiate agreements with owners of commercial and rental properties that would allow police greater authority addressing problems of solicitation, loitering and open air drug markets.

## Come On In!

In order to visit the News Review office, customers must enter the code 015 into the phone pad of the security system. Please be aware that the leading zero MUST be included.

## Volunteer to Work With Children

St. Ann's Infant/Maternity Home needs volunteer groups (church organizations, Boy/Girl Scouts, etc.) for spring and summer activities with children four to eight years old. The volunteers will assist with recreational activities such as bowling, movies, T-Ball, sports and cookouts. Clothing donations for children, newborn to age eight, are needed.

For information, to Volunteer, or to make a donation, call the Prince Georges Voluntary Action Center at 699-2800.

## Harpsichord Concert

The Montpelier Cultural Arts Center Spring Recital Series continues on Sunday, March 26 at 3 p.m. with a performance by Harpsichordist Vera Kochanowsky. Although free, seating is limited. Call ahead and make reservations. For information call (301) 953-1993.

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Nearly 1,000 volunteers nationwide are seeking host families for foreign exchange students in a program sponsored by the American Intercultural Student Exchange (AISE). Families are being sought for high school aged students from Europe, Asia, South America, Australia, and the former Soviet Union for the 1995-96 school year.

Each year, thousands of American families welcome a foreign exchange student into their homes. By continuing this tradition of generosity, these families are contributing to the growing movement toward world peace. AISE is a nation wide non-profit organization which is currently seeking host families across the United States to host these foreign exchange students.

These exceptional students, ages 15 to 18, will arrive in the United States at the end of August, attend a local high school, and return to their home countries in June of 1996. The students, all fluent in English, have been carefully screened by local representatives in their home countries, and have their own medical insurance and spending money.

AISE's main focus is teaching young people about the importance of the acceptance of other cultures. For information, call Linda Burgin (301) 762-2858.

## School Safety Report Public Hearing

The Safety Task Force of the Prince Georges County Public Schools, Chaired by School Board Member Suzanne M. Plogman, will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. on March 29 regarding the Report of the School Safety Task Force and its recommendations. Copies of the report are available in all public schools and public libraries.

The hearing will be held in the Board of Education Meeting Room, Sasseer Administration Building, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro.

For more information call the Board office at 952-6115. Individuals will have three minutes; those representing groups and organizations will have five minutes.

**Businesses in Greenbelt are invited to send us their news for this page**

## Recycling Corner

Recycling is an important way people can help the environment and reuse valuable resources for many purposes. Greenbelt has a very aggressive recycling program and is the envy of many County residents. However, the city's resources can't be extended to every person in Prince Georges County because of its cost. Anyone who knows people interested in recycling magazines, catalogs and cardboard, should have them contact the County Office of Recycling at 883-5963. Montgomery County residents can recycle those items at the Shady Grove Transfer Station. More information about Montgomery County recycling is available by calling 217-2870 or 590-0046.

## A Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

Now that the daffodils and forsythia are in bloom it really does feel like spring. Some people have one yellow forsythia bush in their yards. St. Hugh's Church and the Community Church both have a forsythia hedge. And there is one very long hedge of it near the Giant supermarket. Singly or in a row, this tough plant is a welcome addition to any garden, and a sure sign spring has arrived.

There are so many varieties of daffodils in shades of yellow, white, and orange. Most smell good, and all are sturdy. Daffodil season in our area runs from about mid-March to mid-April, depending on the weather. Right now the mid-season varieties have come into bloom. Two nice ones are "King Alfred," which is a classic shaped yellow, and "Ice Follies," which does well naturalized—that is, planted around in the lawn or under shrubs.

Even a dozen daffodils will brighten up a yard. Over time they will increase in number. Or plant them by the dozen. I have seen several yards with more than 100 in bloom at once, and it is a beautiful sight. The city has planted drifts of daffodils along Crescent Road between Northway and Greenhill Road and near the entrance of "Buddy Attick Lake Park."

Highly fragrant Hyacinth in many colors, and the cobalt blue stars of glory-of-the-snow are in bloom now. Both look great planted alone or with daffodils.

To get instant spring color, look at the cool weather flowers for sale at local garden stores. More varieties seem to be offered for sale every year, but pansies are the old standby. They can take freezing nights and will give color till the high heat kills them in a couple of months.

Another sign of spring is the flowering of the maple trees. Hayfever sufferers know they are blooming by the high pollen counts. Maple flowers are nothing much to look at, but the sheer numbers of flowers make the trees appear to be fuzzy red or orange.

## Seed Starting

Some gardeners are looking ahead to the summer garden by starting plants indoors now. Though not for everybody, starting plants early is a way to get unusual varieties or colors not easily found at local garden stores, and can be a great money saver if you want a lot of plants.

Look at the seed packet for instructions, but as a rule many plants are started indoors six to eight weeks before the average last frost date, which is late April for us. Bright light and excellent starting soil are a must. Check a good gardening book for exact details, which are not complicated, but too lengthy to deal with here.

## Telephone Tax Help

With less than a month to go in the 1995 tax filing season, the Internal Revenue Service is providing telephone tax assistance on weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. until April 15. Taxpayers may call the IRS's toll-free assistance line, 1-800-829-1040.

Anyone who requires face to face assistance, or needs to pick up forms or publications, may visit an IRS office on weekdays from 8 a.m. until 4:15 p.m.



# Operation Midnight

The Greenbelt Police Department wants to help parents help their children with this program to alleviate the situation of juveniles on the streets of the City of Greenbelt after midnight.

The aim of the program is to pick up juveniles who are on the streets of Greenbelt without their parent's permission between midnight and 6 a.m. and return them to their homes.

Parents or guardians can fill out this form and mail it to the Greenbelt Police Department if they want to participate in the program. Please print all information.

The information will be entered into a computer and it can be provided to the police officers on the street.

This cooperative effort between parents and the police can hopefully lessen both the amount of crime committed by juveniles and reduce the level of juvenile victimization.

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I ..... request to have my children picked up by a Greenbelt Police Officer and returned home if they are on the streets of Greenbelt between midnight and 6 a.m. without my permission.

Individuals with questions about this program can call the Greenbelt Police Department's Public Information Officer, PFC George Mathews, at 507-6515. Forms are available at the Greenbelt Police Headquarters, 550 Crescent Road and at the City Administration Building, 25 Crescent Road.

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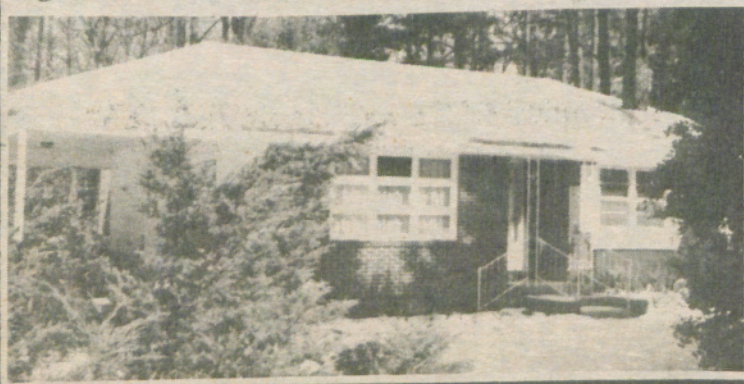
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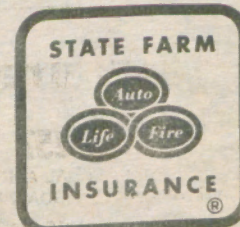
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